



Sunday 10th May
5th Sunday of Easter

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

I as Chaplain welcome you to the ninth St George's Barcelona and Andorra Virtual Church Service. We are continuing the Eastertide season .. Ascension Day is just under two weeks away on Thursday 21st May. It is very unlikely we will be together by then. Do pray for wisdom for the Council and for me as we make decisions about when and how to return to meeting together. One thing is clear is that we are to be responsible and not take unnecessary risks as it could result in damage to each other and cause the name of Christ to be dishonoured.

During this service, after each hymn being announced, I will allow time for you to change the YouTube link if you choose. Also, after each passage of our Bible reading is announced I will allow time for you to look it up in your Bibles, or on your Bible Apps or Bible Gateway and follow the reading. We use the New International Version (UK).

This is the second Sunday of our new order of service. We move the Psalm to the beginning of the service and will normally be led by one of our young people as a Call to Worship.

On a personal level, I want to thank all of you who were praying for the return of Deborah my wife ... and our Assistant Chaplain ... from Australia. The Spanish Government put on a repatriation flight from Sydney to Madrid and as a resident she was able to get a seat. She is preaching at the Spanish service in Sabadell this week – also virtually – and will be reading the Gospel this morning.

Three marvellous hymns had been chosen for the 9.45 service – just in case - and I have inserted the links below and suggest it may be a good way to prepare for the service.

Fight the good fight <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bgl4Sol-5sk>

Jesu, lover of my soul <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFaiiPv-Q6I>

O Jesus I have promised <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svgHDdzP5xY>

So, let us pray the St George's Prayer:

Our Father, as individuals and as a community may we come to know and love you more and more, may we feel your love and care through each other, may we be witnesses to Christ wherever we are, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we be attentive to you, to our neighbour and to your world.

The Easter Announcement

Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

🎵 **CALL TO WORSHIP** 🎵 **Faithful One** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uxviwvjyg1w>

TODAY'S PSALM is PSALM 31:1-5 A psalm of David.

if you are following this service on paper why not read this antiphonally as we do in church? That means taking turns ... young and old, or male and female, or one and the rest?

*For the director of music. A psalm of David. ¹ In you, LORD, I have taken **refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me** in your righteousness. ² **Turn your ear to me, come quickly** to my rescue; **be my rock of refuge**, a strong fortress to save me. ³ **Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me.** ⁴ **Keep me free** from the trap that is set for me, for **you are my refuge.** ⁵ **Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.***

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE GREETING

We come together in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

🎵 **SONG OF CELEBRATION** 🎵 - *Particularly for the Sunday School* **Be Bold, Be Strong**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQeCJ9EgLXQ>

CONFESSION

✠ In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION *is pronounced and all respond:*

✠ The Lord enrich *you* with his grace, and nourish *you* with his blessing; the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil; the Lord accept *your* prayers, and absolve *you* from *your* offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

In response we join in the words **GLORIA:**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

🎵 **A SONG OF PRAISE** 🎵 *We sing a song of adoration: My soul finds rest in God alone*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSp-3kvKQZs>

THE COLLECT

✠ Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

✘ THE FIRST READING **Acts 7.55-60**

⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked (*gazed*) up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' ⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep. (*he died*)

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

✘ THE SECOND READING **1 Peter 2.2-10**

² Like newborn babies, *crave (long for) pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,* ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.' ⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,' ⁸ and, 'A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord, Thanks be to God

🎵 **HYMN** 🎵 to prepare for the story of our Lord **Focus my eyes on you O Lord**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqgesFY36oY&list=RDiggesFY36oY&start_radio=1

✘ THE GOSPEL **John 14.1-14**

Hear the Gospel of the Lord according to St John, Glory to you O Lord

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. **You believe in God; believe also in me.** ² **My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?** ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'
⁵ **Thomas said to him,** 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'
⁶ **Jesus answered,** 'I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.** ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ **Philip said,** 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'
⁹ **Jesus answered:** 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence

of the works themselves. ¹² **Very truly I tell you**, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

¹³ **And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.**

¹⁴ **You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.**

This is the Gospel of our Lord, Praise you O Christ

SERMON A MESSAGE FOR UNUSUAL TIMES

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

INTRODUCTION

✦ I have preached on these readings quite a few times. Most frequently I have looked at Stephen as the first martyr. I note that the first time I preached on this was at a church in west London. It was a church with much ceremony: processions at the beginning and ending of the service with the cross and the Gospel, incense used at various times in the service, the Gospel processed with and read from the centre of the church. It was a service focussed on the experience of the holiness of God. It was a small and loving community situated in the midst of an area that had changed from a nominally Christian area to one that was principally Hindu, Sikh and Muslim. As I wandered round the parish I often thought about what is it that we as Christians have to offer the world?

✦ A few days ago Michael Witty called. Michael is a long term member of St George's and he reminded me of how often Deborah and I talk about longing in our sermons. I had not even been aware of that! With that in mind I come to these passages. Where is our heart to be during these ongoing days of restrictions or cloistering, as I prefer to call it?

✦ I remember reading that police who deal with forgeries, spend most of their time focussing on the genuine ... and then they recognise forgeries. However, if they spend too much time looking at the forgeries, they forget what the genuine looks like.

✦ This morning I want to look at some of the genuine and eternal things in these readings to remind us, to increase our hunger and longing, and to give us spiritual nutrition for these days.

1. RUN TO GOD: Psalm 31 v3 Since you are my rock and my fortress, v4: you are my refuge and v5 my faithful God. What is it about rocks, fortresses and refuges?

✦ A **rock** lifts you above the flood that would overwhelm us, it protects you from the arrow that would attack you.

✦ A **fortress** is a place to run into and be safe. The very word **fort** is the word for strong **forte** in music, **fuerte** in Spanish, but in Catalan it is just **fort**. It is a strong place.

✦ A **Refuge** is a place of safety or shelter from any type of enemy.

✦ These are three different pictures of what it means to feel safe in God, whatever the circumstances. It makes me think of a child hiding behind its mother when uncertainty faces. It is like Jesus as a mother hen saying I would have gathered you under my wings to protect you.

✦ We do not know when this situation will give way to some degree of normality – what is being called a 'new normality'. We **DO KNOW** there is a constant one, a reliable one, a faithful one that we can rely on – one in whose image, as male and female, we are all created and sustained.

2. LOOK TO GOD: Acts 7 v55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked (gazed) up to heaven

✦ **Stephen** was one of the 7 chosen in Acts 6 – in Acts 7 he was killed – what a waste surely when a person of such quality is taken. He is described in Acts 6 *a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit* - but that did not prevent, from the human point of view, bad things happening to him. He had been set apart and anointed for this ministry. Surely the anointing of the apostles would have preserved him? Instead he becomes the first Christian martyr.

✦ ⁵⁵ **filled with the Holy Spirit**, he **gazed** into heaven – one of the words for *gaze* in Hebrew also means *enjoy*. Two lovers gazing at each other – that is enjoyment. This is how Stephen looks into heaven – with the gaze of love.

✦ The word for *gazed* is in Greek a word that also means *fixated* or to *stare at because fully occupied with*. It is the word used in Luke 4:20 *the eyes of all in synagogue were fixed upon him* Acts 1:10 *And as they were looking intently ... at the Ascension of Jesus.*

✦ Here Stephen is being already caught up into the mystery of being with God. **What did he see?** *He saw the glory of God and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God***. His ‘mistake’ was not to keep it to himself – he had to tell it. A passionate experience of Jesus does this, ⁵⁶‘*Look,*’ he said, ‘*I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!*’ Look to God.

3. GROW STRONG IN CHRIST: 1 Peter 2 v2 Like newborn babies, crave (long for) pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, We have to be careful what nutrition we receive in these times. A lot of Christian encouragement can be wrong and damaging as it leads us to have the wrong focus. We have to go for **pure** spiritual milk. We need to test to see if what we watch or listen to truly builds us up in our faith and is true to Scripture.

✦ I love the image in v3 – **now that you have tasted that the Lord is good** - not simply of the mind but of **tasting** – this is to do with experience and enjoyment and blessing and relishing. **The Lord is good** – remember **tov** of last week, here it is again.

✦ What Jesus is, we become: v4 **As you come to him, the living Stone ...** ⁵**you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.** God’s aim is to build us up so that together we are becoming a **holy** – special and distinct – priesthood – we are all priests and **we offer spiritual sacrifices** ... Paul in Romans 12:1 puts it this way: *12 I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

✦ In our training for ordination we were taught that as ordained priests we are ‘to model and enable the priesthood of all believers’. We are all called to offer ourselves to God. I love the picture of **living stones** – we are not inanimate lumps – we are living and breathing ... because God has breathed into us both in creation and in the Spirit ... therefore live!

4. SET YOUR EYES UPON JESUS: John 14.1-14

✦ **Jesus and future confidence: v1 Do not let your hearts be troubled v2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?** ‘The great Christian hope said at funerals - Jesus is going ahead of us, we can have peace.

✦ **Jesus and present certainty: ⁶Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.** We may, like Thomas, have many questions: Jesus says, “the place, the destination, the route .. don’t worry .. it is just me you have to follow, I am the Way, I am the Truth and I am the Life ...it is all about me ... keep your eyes on me and you will know where and how to go ..the key is that Jesus is the Way and the Father is the destination, Jesus is the Truth and in him is reality and Jesus is the Life and he is the one who gives meaning, energy, joy ... remember the **L’Chaim** of last week – life is to be found in Jesus.

I want to finish by highlighting these four things to crave and long for in these unusual times:

1. Run to God: Psalm 31: ⁵ **Into your hands I commit my spirit; deliver me, LORD, my faithful God**

2. Look to God: Acts 7 ⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, **Stephen prayed**, ‘**Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.**’ ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, ‘**Lord, do not hold this sin against them.**’ When he had said this, he fell asleep. (*he died*)

3. Grow strong in Christ: 1 Peter 2⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

4. Set your eyes upon Jesus John 14⁹ Jesus answered: Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

A Personal Reflection: † I am to be a Christian of the Church of Christ - a place human and divine, corrupt and holy, judgmental and graceful, warring and peace-loving, heretical and orthodox, forgetful of Christ and careful of Christ, divisive and unifying. It is this earthen vessel that is the bride and body of Christ, the pillar and bulwark of the faith, the temple of God, the *ekklesia*. God want us to be *Living Stones* marked by the qualities of Jesus our Lord. I ask God to forgive our failures and enable us by his grace to remember that ¹⁰*Once we were not a people, but now we are the people of God; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.* We worship God, we give him thanks, Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

✠ *In response to God's Word we join together in the* **THE APOSTLES' CREED –**

This is what we believe.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 🎵 *O Lord, hear my prayer* 🎵 *may be sung*

We pray for: • The world • Our neighbourhoods • The wider church • St George's Andorra and Barcelona *To the words: Lord, in your mercy the response is: **hear our prayer***

Our Loving Father, we praise you for the victory demonstrated by the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Help us to remember that living in the light of his triumph there is nothing to be afraid of, because you are alive and by our side. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

As your Son came to his fearful disciples after the resurrection,
so come to us in our uncertainty and frequent anxiety
and turn our weakness into triumph.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

*Ever present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,*

that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

O Lord our God, with confidence in you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Look in your mercy upon the world you love so much.

We ask that you will sustain and support the anxious,

We pray for those who are in need; for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved,

In the quietness bring before God those who are in your heart

Our heavenly Father, we pray for those in darkness, in loneliness and in fear,

We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing,

and particularly for those we know who are caring for the sick.

We give thanks for human love and friendship and for all that enriches our daily lives.

We thank you that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

In the quietness bring before God those who are in your heart

Merciful God, we commend into your hands those who have departed this life. You gave them breath and loved them through their journey of life. Receive them now at the end of that journey into your eternal presence and may they rest in everlasting peace. *(Short Silence)*

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer

Merciful father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Minister Almighty and everlasting God,

the comfort of the sad, the strength of those who suffer:

hear the prayers of your children who cry out of any trouble,

and to every distressed soul grant mercy, relief and refreshment,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *(The prayers are both fresh and adapted from a number of sources)*

Holy Communion – The Lord feeds us

THE PEACE

✠ We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace

and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

- Normally the gifts of the people are gathered at this time. During this seclusion our giving can be via the Website or by Standing Order ... or TransferWise ... and information on this is also on the website. St George's needs your ongoing support as our costs continue even when we cannot have services here. We are looking at ways to make giving online easier.

🎵 **OFFERTORY HYMN** 🎵 **How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NoPlwPUYWaw>

OFFERTORY PRAYER

✠ Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER for EASTERTIDE

When I say **Alleluia** the response is **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Lord is here **His presence is with us**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise
for the gospel we have received.
Christ died for our sins. **Alleluia. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Death comes to all through Adam,
and sin reigns for a time.
New life without end comes through Christ,
and he reigns for ever. **Alleluia. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Death, where is your victory?
Death, where is your sting?
Death is swallowed up in victory,
the victory you give us in Christ. **Alleluia. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

We have been crucified with Christ,
and live his risen life,
to praise you for ever with angels and archangels saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
**grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

**Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.**

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people

and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,
blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The body of Christ broken for you

The blood of Christ shed for you

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Together we say:

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal – The Lord sends us out

🎵 **FINAL HYMN** 🎵

My hope is built on nothing less (Corner stone)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvLxZEU02uI>

BLESSING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from your hearts and minds.

May you know in your lives the presence of the risen Lord,
the peace of Christ which is eternal, and the power of the resurrection.

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord Alleluia! Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!